



Gallatin County Fairgrounds Events Park

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Bozeman Help Center's Holiday Festival of the Arts

Come do your holiday shopping at the Bozeman Help Center's 33rd Annual Holiday Festival of the Arts at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds this Thanksgiving weekend!



The Holiday Festival is the primary fundraiser of Bozeman's Help Center, a 24-hour crisis counseling and referral center serving the people of the Gallatin Valley. The Help Center offers many free services including a daily telephone call to seniors through its Telecare program, and trauma recovery counseling and advocacy through the Sexual Assault Counseling Center. The Help Center is also a suicide hotline accredited by Contact USA and AIRS. The Help Center is a member of the American Association of Suicidology. All proceeds from ticket sales as well as revenue from a silent auction benefit the Help Center and its programs.

The Holiday Festival of the Arts began 33 years ago and has grown from a small event with a handful of vendors and a small gathering of shoppers to become a major event with media sponsorship, utilizing all four buildings at the Fairgrounds. This annual holiday tradition brings together shoppers and more than 100 of the top artists and craftspeople from throughout the Northwest to provide a unique shopping opportunity. The Holiday Festival is a juried format, ensuring that only the best regional artists and craftspeople are selected to participate in the show. The result is an outstanding selection of arts and crafts for shoppers ranging from photography to painting; natural furniture to stained glass art, all offered at one location. Every item at the event is handmade and with the diversity of the arts and crafts offered, there is something of interest for everyone's taste.

The event will take place Thanksgiving weekend at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds from 12pm to 5pm on Friday, November 26 and from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, November 27. Adult admission is \$3 for one day. Children under 12 will be admitted for free.

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Veteran's Day November 11

An important opportunity to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have risked everything to defend our country!



Craftapalooza



CRAFTAPALOOZA

"Handcrafted Goodness!"



The Fairgrounds Staff, together with S & R Gifts (Sue Michael and Sarah Weir) are pleased to **announce the first Craftapalooza market!** In continuation of Career Transitions' Farmers' Markets throughout the summer, the Gallatin County Fair Board and staff thought it would be beneficial to continue having items available to our local residents and visitors. Therefore, there will be six markets in the next several months beginning October 30. The market dates are October 30, November 13, December 18, January 15, April 2 and April 16. The hours are 10am—3pm in the months of November and December.

The format will be similar as the Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market model, however will be located in Exhibit Building 3. As this is a new concept, and in consideration of making this an affordable event, the fees will be \$5 for a 4-foot space and \$10 for an 8-foot space.

Additional information can be found at www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com, or at the Fairgrounds Office by calling 406-582-3270. Also, please feel free to contact Sue Michael at karenmichael62@yahoo.com or at 406-285-4317 with any questions.

BSF Annual Ski Swap

The Bridger Ski Foundation will host its annual Ski Swap this month, November 5, 6 and 7 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds! This is a very important fundraising event for BSF, and there will be plenty of BSF coaches and volunteers on hand to help you select the appropriate gear.

Item consignments will be taken on Friday, November 5 from 10:00am until 7:00pm.

Doors open on Saturday at 9:00am for BSF members and 10:00am for the general public. Doors close on Saturday at 5:00pm, and reopen on Sunday from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

Admission on Saturday is free to BSF members, and \$2.00 for non-members. Admission is free for all patrons on Sunday.

You can join the Bridger Ski Foundation at the swap on Saturday to get in early. You can also purchase a Big Sky Frequent Skier Card at the swap for \$49 with your BSF membership!

Cash, Checks and all major credit cards accepted.

No backpacks please.

For more information, please call the BSF office at 406-587-2445.



NOVEMBER Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

More information is available at www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com

Nov 2	Election Polling Place	All Day	Exhibit Buildings
Nov 4	Fair Planning Meeting	5:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Nov 4	Gallatin County Weed Control Meeting	1:15pm	Ag Center
Nov 5	Ice Dogs game vs. <i>Helena Bighorns</i>	7:30pm	Haynes Pavilion
Nov 5&6	Bridger Ski Foundation Ski Swap	Sat 10am—5pm Sun 10am—2pm	Exhibit Buildings
Nov 11	Fairgrounds Office Closed for Veteran's Day		
Nov 12	House Productions Under 21 Dance Party	9pm—12am	Building #3
Nov 13	Craftapalooza—Handcrafted Goodness	10am—3pm	Building #4
Nov 13	Ice Dogs game vs. <i>Billings Bulls</i>	7:30pm	Haynes Pavilion
Nov 16	Fair Board Meeting	5:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Nov 17	Ice Dogs game vs. <i>Missoula Maulers</i>	7:30pm	Haynes Pavilion
Nov 18	WinterFest Meeting	5:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Nov 19	Ice Dogs game vs. <i>Yellowstone Quake</i>	7:30pm	Haynes Pavilion
Nov 19	House Productions Under 21 Dance Party	9pm—12am	Building #3
Nov 25	Fairgrounds Office Closed for Thanksgiving		
Nov 26	Ice Dogs game vs. <i>Butte Rough Riders</i>	7:30pm	Haynes Pavilion
Nov 26 & 27	Help Center, Inc. — Holiday Festival of the Arts	Fri 12pm—5pm Sat 10am—4pm	Exhibit Buildings

All home games begin at 7:30 pm at the Haynes Pavilion.

Ticket Pricing Classifications:

Adult (18+) —\$8; Youth & Student—\$5; Child (5 & Under)— Free

Individual game tickets are available at the door only. All seating is General Admission.

College students will receive the Youth & Student price by presenting a valid university ID Card.

More information is available at www.bozemanicedogs.com.



Marketing Minute

A beautiful October is behind us and November is promising to be a much cooler and more white month. When it starts getting cooler be ready with a new **stove or spa from our sponsor Bare's Stove and Spa**. Montie and the gang are not only supporters of WinterFest and Fair, but also friendly and eager to help you warm up this winter.

Bare's Stove and Spa, Inc. is one of the largest spa, stove and fire-place stores in the Northwest. They offer only the highest-quality products at competitive prices. Sometimes people feel they'll get a better deal if they go to a bigger city or bigger company; the truth is, **Bare's brings you great prices plus beauty, performance and personal service.**

At Bare's they understand that in addition to providing heat, relaxation and therapeutic value, their products are meant to enhance the beauty and comfort of **your home**. That's why they've gone the extra mile in creating a showroom that spectacularly demonstrates what their products can do for you.



Need a Place for your Upcoming Holiday Party?

The Gallatin County Fairgrounds has numerous heated buildings that work great for your office Christmas party. The newly constructed entrance and rest-rooms look awesome! Exhibit buildings #1, #2 and #3 were remodeled recently. Building #4 has a commercial kitchen and is great for those venues that are catered.



Many dates are still available. If you are interested, please call the office at 406-582-3270. Pricing and photos of our buildings and grounds can be seen on our website. www.gallatin.countyfairgrounds.com. Click on the Facilities Rental Information link.

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FairEver Yours ... Manager's Thoughts

The Open House for the Fairgrounds' new entrance and restrooms went well. The weather was perfect and those who attended were very positive about both the new entry and the new restrooms. The new facilities will mean changes for some of the events using the four exhibit buildings but change can be good. The Fairgrounds staff will work with each event to make the transition as easy as possible. If you have an upcoming event, please give us a call so there will be no surprises when you come to set up.

The new entrance opens up lots of possibilities for new landscaping projects. The unwelcoming chain link fence has been removed from in front of Building #4 opening up the grassy space that was once blocked by the fence. There is a nice wide sidewalk leading to the new entrance. No more being herded through a narrow space and forced to go through a building to get to the rest of the Fairgrounds. The Staff and Board are hoping there will be some of you with green thumbs and creative ideas who will step forward to help make this entry even more attractive and inviting with the use of trees, shrubs and flowers. Remember, it is your Fairgrounds, and should reflect the nature of our community.

Our hail damaged buildings are going to be repaired, although most won't be completed until next spring. The roof on the Sale Pavilion and Exhibit Building #4 are being torn off and the buildings will be dried in until spring when we can get new shingles installed. The leaks in Exhibit Buildings #2 and 3 are being repaired until they can be permanently fixed. The larger leaks in the Haynes Pavilion have been repaired and a new roof will go on that building in the spring. It is amazing the damage that was caused by that hail storm at the end of June. It will take at least a year to get everything back in order, but we are working on it!

The berm on the north side of the Fairgrounds is slowly going away. Dwight Newby with AK&S Construction is screening the dirt so that it may be used as top soil. The Fairgrounds is using some for landscape projects and is using the material that is screened out for fill material in roadways and parking lots.

Currently the Fair Board is working on the trail plan for the interior of the Fairgrounds as well as a paved trail from the Fairgrounds to North 7th Avenue. Trails and green space will create a more park-like atmosphere and encourage hiking, riding and biking. The other project the Board is working on is the completion of a Business Plan for the Fairgrounds. This plan will include the operation of an event center, a year-round ice facility and an aquatic center. The Board is in the fund raising mode for all of these projects and hopes to have some of these projects completed before next summer.

As you can see, there is a lot happening at the Fairgrounds, things that will benefit the community. If you have ideas or would like to become involved, please give us a call at 585-3270 or email me at sue.shockley@gallatin.mt.gov. There may be some vacancies on the Fair Board in December and we will be looking for creative, energetic, community oriented,, business minded people to fill these positions.

November is a month filled with holidays, three of them. November 2 is Election Day. Please don't take this responsibility lightly. Go to the polls and vote! It is your right, your privilege and your obligation! On November 11, Veterans' Day, pause for a moment to remember all those who have so gallantly served in our military so that we can enjoy the rights and privileges our great country provides. The fourth Thursday of the November is always Thanksgiving Day. At our house we have much to be thankful for. I know we tend to take our blessings for granted throughout the year, but on this day we make a special effort to remember all of the good things that the year has brought. It is also a great day to remember those who are less fortunate and help them have a special day. Donations to the Food Bank are always needed during the holiday season. If you know someone who is alone, invite them to your home to enjoy family time and share in the special traditions you have.

That's it for this month. Please check out our web site for upcoming events and info on what's happening. You can also visit us on Facebook and follow our Tweets on Twitter.

Next month, I will start a "mini-series" of "Tales From the Fairgrounds", short stories of the interesting people and events that I have encountered over the past 20+ years.

Fairever Yours,
Sue Shockley

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Fair Planning

Fair Board

WinterFest

Minutes are available on the

Fairgrounds website:

gallatincountyfairgrounds.com

FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Brekke - Chairman

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Tim Stefan

COMMITTEES

WinterFest ... Fair Planning

Bozeman Roundup Rodeo

Volunteer ... Parking

We are always looking for more volunteers to help on committees. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Fairgrounds Office.

Downtown Bozeman's 30th Annual Christmas Stroll

On Saturday, December 4 from 4:30 to 7:30pm, come join the Downtown Bozeman Association and our presenting sponsors: Bridger Bowl Ski Area, Wells Fargo Bank and the City of Bozeman, as we proudly present the 30th Anniversary of the Christmas Stroll in Historic Downtown Bozeman.

Come kick-off the Holiday Season in Downtown Bozeman! Join us for fun activities, great food and fun. Bring the whole family to ride on the hay wagons, get your picture taken with Santa Claus, watch the lighting ceremony of the downtown decorations, check out the gingerbread house contest entries, sing Christmas carols, grab a bite to eat from one of over 30 non-profit food vendors or do some Christmas gift shopping. The Christmas Stroll is the place to find it all!

The Christmas Stroll is a free community event that is 100% supported by our business sponsors and the sales of our timeless button souvenirs.

You can support this great event by purchasing a \$3 Stroll button, which is not only your ticket to enjoy many of the great activities including the Santa pictures at the Baxter Hotel, the hay wagon rides, kids' activities throughout the day at the Emerson Cultural Center and the Bozeman Public Library and more; it also allows us to put on this great event every year without requiring an entry fee!

Buttons will be available after November 22nd at the following locations:

Owenhouse Ace Hardware, First Security Bank, Chalet Sports, Schnee's Boots and Shoes, Van's County Market, Heeb's Grocery, Smith's Supermarket, The Emerson Cultural Center, The Bozeman Public Library, Montana Gift Corral, Leaf and Bean, Wild Joe's Coffee, and the Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce

Also, when you purchase your Stroll button, fill out a ballot for a chance to win one of 6 Bridger Bowl ski passes, 6 Museum of the Rockies combo passes, or 6 passes to Norris Hot Springs. The winner will be contacted the week following the event!

Along with all of the fun activities listed below, our Hay Wagon rides are a great way to make timeless memories with family and friends at the Christmas Stroll. Look for the event sponsor banners on the Hay Wagons as it parades down Main Street and takes tours throughout the event.

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| 4:30 pm | Santa leaves the Emerson Center, meets the Hay Wagon at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Main Street, and leads the lighting ceremony down Main Street to Rouse Avenue. |
| 4:30—7:30 pm | Main Street is filled with food vendors raising money for local non-profit organizations. |
| 4:30—7:30 pm | Downtown Businesses feature live music, free cocoa and cookies, and holiday fun of all sorts. |
| 4:30—7:30 pm | Wells Fargo (211 W. Main St.) is displaying the 2010 Gingerbread House Contest entries and winners. |
| 4:30—7:30 pm | Hay Wagon rides from Soroptimist Park (corner of Main and Rouse) to the Bozeman Public Library and back.* |
| 4:30—7:30 pm | Stop by the Bridger Bowl booth (located in the Baxter Hotel, 105 W. Main St.) to learn about their new and great plans for this year's ski season! |
| 4:30—7:30 pm | Visit the petting zoos with everything from alpacas, donkeys and pot-belly pigs! |
| 5:00—7:30 pm | Santa Pictures at the Baxter Hotel. Get one FREE picture through F-11 Photography.* |

*Denotes activities that require a 2010 Stroll Button.

For a list of all 2010 Stroll activities and times, check out the Christmas Stroll Booklet, printed by and inserted into the Bozeman Daily Chronicle on Friday, December 3 available at the Downtown Visitor Center at 224 E. Main St., First Security Bank and other downtown business locations.

For more information about the 2010 Christmas Stroll, contact The Downtown Bozeman Association at 406-586-408 or visit www.downtownbozeman.org.

Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association

We're off and ~~running~~...skating! The Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association is off to a great start. We have been happy to host lots of fun adult and youth hockey, a disco skating party, and of course several great ICEDOGS games.

Be sure to join us in cheering on the Junior A ICEDOGS in November and throughout the season.

November ICEDOG games:

Friday, 11/5 vs. Helena

Saturday, 11/13 vs. Billings

Wednesday, 11/17 vs. Missoula

Friday, 11/19 vs. Cody, WY

Friday, 11/26 vs. Butte

When: Puck drop for all games is at 7:30p.m.

Where: Haynes Pavilion, Gallatin Co. Fairgrounds.

For more information, visit www.bozemanicedogs.com



LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM

Learn to Skate offers Figure Skating and Hockey Skating lessons for youth and adults. For more information log on to www.bozemanfigureskating.org or contact: Amy Malachowski at 581-1248.

PUBLIC SKATING (WITH A NEW ADDITION THIS YEAR!)

BAHA is proud to announce that public skating will now be offered in the afternoon. Also new this year is a "stick & puck" session. This is a chance for skaters to practice their skating, stick handling, and shooting in a non-competitive, non-game format.



Public Skating/ Stick & Puck times:

Public Skating:

M-Th: 1:20-2:50p.m.

F: 1:00-2:20p.m.

Sa: 12:00-1:20p.m.

Stick & Puck (*Helmet Required*)

M-Th: 2:50-3:50p.m.

F: 2:20-3:20p.m.

All times subject to change. For most current schedule visit www.bozemanhockey.org

ICEDOGS YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAMS

There is still limited space available for the BAHA youth programs. For more information contact Terry Metro at metroterry@yahoo.com

HAYNES HOCKEY LEAGUE (HHL) ADULT PROGRAMS

The HHL is free to all spectators 7 nights a week!

The ever-expanding HHL now has a level of play to fit any individual.

This year BAHA will offer 5 levels of adult hockey

- Intro/Skills Sessions
- D3 (Novice) Level
- VHW (Intermediate) Level
- Rec Level
- Power Level

For information on these leagues visit www.bozemanhockey.org

